Inexpensive Funerals Now Are the Rule

Despite high earnings by civilians, American workers are not splurging upon expensive and elaborate funerals for their loved ones, a survey of the National Selected Morticians revealed. The survey showed that more than 85 per cent of the funerals cost less than $800, including cost of casket, embalming, mortician's professional services, use of the chapel, music, the coach and a limousine for mourners. Only 14.4 per cent or 4,045 of the 28,037 funerals studied, cost over $400.

The N S M official asserted that the present reasonable cost (not "normal" including the services listed,

single price category were the 4,- 846 funerals costing from $701 to $798, inclusive, and that 13,741 others, or 47.5 per cent of the 28,037 funerals, cost from $200 to $500, inclusive. Thus a total of 17,- 587, or 54.8 per cent all, cost less than $601.

The decrease during the war years in the very inexpensive funerals, those costing less than $100, has been offset by the increase in the medium priced group, created by war prosperity. Another tendency for people to make their own funeral arrangements in advance and to arrange simple rites has been

...ved Numerous Evils Were Caused by Comets

Comets were believed by the superstitious in the 16th century to be causes of all evils, portending wars, famines as floods, pestilence and

...ution of the time of the ...ch, with the comet of 1577 also said to be that year's cause of ...ilence and famine. Comets were bad omens for the Romans, and they were also considered evil by the Greeks, Persians and Hebrews. In the Far East, however, they were considered favorable signs of prosperity and good fortune.

Today, of course, we know that comets are merely bodies of gas, dust and particles of matter, which travel in orbits around the sun. Some comets have been observed to pass close to the earth, but they have never caused disease and death in the air, among the people, or on the earth. Nor have they ever produced floods and earthquakes.

Devise Gas Masks To Fit All Types

Three gas mask sizes, which will fit all soldiers in the army, are the result of research and scientific study made recently by the chemical warfare service of external measurements of the heads of thousands of soldiers. The average head size will fit 81 per cent of army personnel.

Conducted by the CWS developmental unit at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology under the direction of Dr. Edwin G. Boring, well known Harvard anthropologist, the survey accumulated figures on the measurements of the average head of the army. It was found that the average head of a native dominated Anglo-Saxon American has more breadth than length.

Then different head types were established—the normal and the unusual—and a new mask was made by correlating measurements of breadth, depth, circumference and length of the face. The normal type comprises an average head, and the unusual type comprises those heads that are larger or smaller than the average head. Three sizes of masks will correspond with these heads, but some of the masks measured will not be covered by the three sizes. A large head, for example, may have a large face, but only the average nose, while a small head may have a small face, but an unusually large nose. Ten per cent of the heads measured will require a large size mask, 10 per cent will require a small size mask, and 80 per cent will require a medium size mask.

Oil Film Effective in Combatting Mosquitoes

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